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Death of Mrs. Leroy Springs.

After Months of Suffering the Devoted Wife, Affectionate Daughter and Fond Mother Goes to her Eternal Rest.

This entire community was inexpressibly saddened when it became known on Wednesday last that Mrs. Grace White Springs, the beloved wife of Col. Leroy Springs, was no more. Although her passing away was not unexpected, the profound sorrow caused by the sad tidings was none the less great. Mrs. Springs's death occurred Tuesday night at 10:30 o'clock at a private sanitarium in Baltimore, where for several months she had been under treatment by the most skilled and eminent physicians of this country. For long and weary weeks she waited with patience for the end to come and bore with marked Christian fortitude intense pain and suffering. The devoted husband was constantly at her bedside, doing and having done everything possible for her relief. At the trying hour when her sweet spirit took its flight the following persons, beside the heart-broken husband, were at the bedside: Mrs. J. M. Odell, of Concord, N. C., her aunt; Messrs Eli B. and R. A. Springs, of New York, brothers of Col. Springs; Mr. J. H. Witherspoon, of Lancaster, and Miss Irene Withers, of Savannah Ga., one of her most intimate friends.

Mrs. Springs was stricken down in the prime of her noble young womanhood, during a period of her greatest usefulness and whilst in the enjoyment of a life of unalloyed pleasure, contentment and happiness. She was but thirty-three years old, and was married to Col. Springs when she was nineteen years of age. She was the daughter of Capt. Samuel E. White, formerly of Fort Mill but now a resident of Lancaster. Her sainted mother, Mrs. Esther Phifer White, died, it will be recalled, about four years ago. Beside the grief-stricken husband and father she leaves a son, Master Elliott Springs, an unusually bright and manly lad of eleven years.

Mrs. Springs was indeed a noble-hearted Christian woman. One of her distinguishing characteristics was her sublime devotion to her loved ones—husband, father and child. Another notable trait of character was her unvarying loyalty to her friends. Of a nature altogether foreign to anything akin to hypocrisy and insincerity, her professions of regard and friendship were ever real and never feigned. Naturally of a kindly, sympathetic disposition, lovable companionship and magnetic personality, she won the friendship and admiration of all with whom she came in contact. A woman of striking comeliness, her personal charms happily adorned a life of high

ideals and godly living. Reared in the Presbyterian faith, she was a devout member of that church and actively participated in all church work. She was a faithful and helpful friend to the poor and the needy and contributed most liberally to all charitable purposes.

The remains of Mrs. Leroy Springs were laid to rest in Elmwood cemetery, Charlotte, N. C., Thursday afternoon. The pallbearers were: Messrs C. J. Shannon, Jr., of Camden, S. C.; W. O. Thomson, W. T. Williams, M. P. Crawford, L. O. Lazenby, J. H. Witherspoon, of Lancaster, S. C.; Leroy S. Davidson of Kershaw, S. C.; and W. B. Meacham, of Fort Mill. Many persons from Lancaster attended the funeral. The Friday Afternoon Book and the King's Daughters, of which organizations Mrs. Springs was a member, sent handsome floral tributes, as did also several individuals. As a mark of respect the postoffice, stores and other places of business in Lancaster were closed for one hour Thursday afternoon, from 4 to 5 o'clock.

FUNERAL IN CHARLOTTE.

The Charlotte Observer of yesterday gives the following account of the funeral services and burial in that city:

Seldom, if ever, has there been held in Charlotte a more impressive funeral service, or one more largely attended by friends of the deceased, than that held over the remains of the late Mrs. Leroy Springs. The service was to have been held at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, but owing to the long delay in the arrival of the train bearing the remains, it was 6 o'clock when the funeral party reached the First Presbyterian church, where the service was held.

The ministers taking part in the service were Rev. J. H. Thornwell, D. D., of Fort Mill, who had known Mrs. Springs since her childhood, Rev. Chalmers Frazier, her pastor, of Lancaster, and Rev. W. M. Kincaid, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of this city.

The choir rendered beautifully and impressively "Sometime We'll Understand", Miss May Courtney Oates singing the solo parts. The hymns sung were "Lead, Kindly, Light," "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," and "Peace," the last named being sung as the body was taken from the church.

Dr. Thornwell spoke touchingly and comfortingly of the deceased, showing the strength, and unselfishness of her beautiful Christian character. Speaking of the seemingly strange providence shown in the removal of such a woman from her home, Dr. Thornwell said the hardest thing for humanity to understand is that God's plans are always better for men than are their own plans and that it is always hard to understand that God's plans for His glory are always those that are best for men. He said often in the course of his remarks that the removal from earth to heaven of a good man or woman was never an accident, but was only an answer to the prayer of Jesus Christ that those whom He loves may be with Him where He is.

It is not often that such a large number of handsome floral designs are seen at a funeral as was seen yesterday. The top of the pure white casket was almost covered with white lilies, and the scores of designs were arranged on the pulpit stand.

Many friends followed the bereaved husband and little son to Elmwood cemetery, where the remains of the loved wife and mother were laid to rest.

The following named out of town friends were here to attend the funeral:

From Lancaster: Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Witherspoon, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Witherspoon, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Mackey, Mr. R. E. Wylie, Sheriff and Mrs. J. P. Hunter, Mrs. G. B. Barron, Miss Johnson, Mr. L. C. Lazenby, Mr. W. McD. Brown, Dr. M. P. Crawford, Mr. W. J. Cunningham, Mrs. C. B. Skipper, Mr. J. T. Green, Mr. T. C. Green, Mr. W. P. Bennett, Mr. A. P. McLure, Mr. C. W. Hardin, Mr. J. E. Stewman, Mr. J. A. Stewman, Mrs. Ira B. Jones, Mr. W. T. Gregory, Mr. J. M. Riddle, Jr.; Kershaw: Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Davidson, Mr. C. J. Shannon, and Miss Lelia Shannon; from Chester Mr. and Mrs. P. G. McCorkle; Yorkville: Mr. B. Moore; Rock Hill: Mr. Ira B. Dunlap and Mr. W. J. Roddey; Concord: Judge W. J. Montgomery, Miss Shirley Montgomery, and Mr. W. R. Odell, and Bessemer City: Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Durham.

Hurricane Causes Death and Great Loss of Property.

San Antonio, Texas, May 2.—A special to the Express from San Juan Batista, Campeche, Mex. says:

A hurricane of terrific violence swept over this district last night entailing great loss of property, and the death of several persons. The cocoa groves for some distance up and down the coast are completely ruined, causing a loss of millions of dollars, crops of various kinds were levelled to the ground and great trees in the forests were snapped like pipe stems. It is feared there may have been heavy loss to shipping if the storm extended into the Gulf.

Numerous houses were blown down and roofs of laborers' jachales lifted up and hurled with great violence against other structures or into the fields.

A Fine Record of Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Greenville special in the News and Courier: The Baptist Courier received Wednesday morning a telegram from Dr. R. J. Williamson, secretary of the foreign mission board, Richmond, saying that the board closed the year's work, April 30th, without debt. This will be most pleasing news to the Baptists throughout the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. The telegram added, "South Carolina did gloriously." No figures were given in the telegram.

Jolly.

Negro Attempted to Assault Woman at Decatur, Ga.

Decatur, Ala., May 2.—A lynching was barely averted here late today by prompt action of the authorities, who speedily organized a grand jury, indicted a negro named Lipscomb and spirited him off to Birmingham for safekeeping. The negro had attempted an assault on Mrs. Schrupsher, a daughter of former Sheriff Silas P. Ryan. She was alone in the back yard of her home when attacked, and her screams frightened the assailant away. He was later captured and identified.

Another Mysterious Murder in a Columbia Suburb.

Columbia special in yesterday's Charlotte Observer: Another murder mystery with no clue to work on has the city and county authorities worried and suburban residents particularly disturbed. While on his way to his meat market on Taylor street from his residence in Waverly Mr. R. T. Wescott was shot through the head and instantly killed as he passed between two schoolhouses at the corner of Lady and Oak streets in Waverly at 5 o'clock this morning. Mr. Wescott had just left his residence two blocks away down Oak street, but his body was not found till half an hour later, when his 16-year old son stumbled over the corpse.

Mr. Wescott was lying on his back with his feet toward Lady street, in which direction he was headed. His revolver, which it was his custom to carry in his hand to protect his money which he carried in a shot sack between his residence and his store, was found lying by his side.

Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup is best for women and children. Its mild action and pleasant taste makes it preferable to violent purgatives, such as pills, tablets, etc. Get the booklet and a sample of Orino at Funderburk Pharmacy.

Attempt to Wreck Train near Gaffney.

Gaffney special in yesterday's Observer: It has just been learned here that some miscreant attempted to wreck a train in Cherokee Creek Sunday morning. There is a small trestle at that point which is about three miles north of Gaffney. Two colored men were on one end of the trestle talking, when they saw a man coming out of the cut on the other side. He did not stop but a moment, stooped down and then went back. The colored men paid no particular attention to the man at the time, but finished their conversation, when one of them—Jim Crosby—went across, and when he got to the other end of the trestle discovered a large iron or steel belt fastened to the track.

Disturbed the Congregation.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing is requested to buy a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar. Funderburk Pharmacy.

Rural Schools--Campaign for their Improvement.

Columbia special in Charlotte Observer: It will be remembered that a conference, consisting of 65 of the leading educators of the State, met in the Senate chamber April 11, 1903, and, among other things, appointed a campaign executive committee to push a campaign for the improvement of rural school facilities in this State. This committee consisted of Gov. Heyward, State Superintendent Martin and President D. B. Johnson, of Winthrop. This committee has kept up a campaign by sending out speakers, publishing bulletins, circulars, etc. A great deal has been accomplished along lines which the conference declared itself in favor of.

This committee has decided that it will be well to enlarge its membership and reorganize its work. Governor Heyward has resigned from the committee because of his many engagements in other lines, and Governor Ansel, President Snyder, of Wofford and Prof. W. H. Hand of the South Carolina University, have been elected additional members of the committee.

This committee will meet next Monday evening in the office of State Superintendent, when school work generally will be reviewed and plans will be outlined for pushing various lines of work, especially high school work and the work of the Woman's Association for school improvement.

Notice to Our Customers.

We are pleased to announce that Foley's Honey and Tar for coughs, colds and lung troubles is not affected by the National Pure Food and Drug law as it contains no opiates or other harmful drugs, and we recommend it as a safe remedy for children and adults. Funderburk Pharmacy.

Prick in Finger from Lead Pencil Point Causes Death.

Philadelphia Press: A prick in his finger from the point of a lead pencil caused the death in the Jewish Hospital yesterday of Israel Z. Cohen, 18 years old, of 1,321 North 2nd street.

Though the accident occurred on January 20, nothing was thought of it until a few days ago, when the finger, the wound on which had not healed, began to swell. The swelling spread to his arm and then affected his entire body. After attending Cohen for two days and finding himself unable to reduce the swelling, the family physician ordered him sent to the hospital, where the case was diagnosed immediately as blood poisoning.

The disease had so far progressed that the blood specialists at the hospital were unable to save his life and, suffering intense agony, Cohen died yesterday morning.

Piles get quick and certain relief from Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment. Please note it is made alone for Piles, and its action is positive and certain. Itching, painful, protruding or blind piles disappears like magic by its use. Large nickel-capped glass jars 50 cents. Sold by J. F. Mackey Co.